



Newsletter

Positive Ambitious Nurturing

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable couple of weeks here at Donisthorpe, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children both in and out of the classroom.

Our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children gave wonderful performances as part of our Easter Service at church. I was incredibly proud of them all – the singing was fantastic and our speakers were confident and clear. Thank you to the many parents and carers who came along to support; it was lovely to celebrate together.



Our Year 6 pupils recently visited the Warning Zone, where they once again demonstrated The Donisthorpe Way. During the visit they took part in a range of activities designed to help them learn important skills about staying safe both outdoors and online as they grow older and face new situations and responsibilities.

There have also been some excellent sporting efforts from our pupils. Well done to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 hockey teams, who both performed very well in their recent competitions. Mr Sherlock was particularly impressed with the children's effort, teamwork and sportsmanship, which represented the school brilliantly.



Our Year 5 children were visited by North West Leicestershire's Environmental Protection Department, who delivered an engaging environmental crime workshop. The children learned a lot about how we can all help protect our local environment while also having plenty of fun during the session.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 also had the opportunity to use VR headsets to explore different scenarios about staying safe, including staying safe online. We are very grateful to Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Police for providing this valuable and memorable learning experience for our children.



It was great to see so many wonderful science week posters handed in for our poster competition. Mrs Lavender was really pleased to have so many strong entries and has a tough job ahead of her in deciding on winners!

Alongside all of these wonderful opportunities, everyday learning in classrooms continues to impress both myself and all the teaching staff. It has been wonderful to see children engaged, motivated and demonstrating The Donisthorpe Way across all subjects.



Whole-School Wellbeing Day

As we like to do at the start of most terms, the school will hold a Wellbeing Day on **Monday 13th April** for all children. Teachers will plan a variety of activities focused on wellbeing and helping children have a positive start to the Summer term after two weeks away from the routine of school.

Children are invited to come to school **in non-uniform** for the day. **If your child has PE on Mondays, please ensure they wear non-uniform suitable for sports activities**, including appropriate footwear and clothing (no jeans for children with PE, please).

Wellbeing

Staffing News

Sadly, Miss Weir, who manages our before and after school clubs in The Nook, will be leaving us in April. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication; the children in The Nook will really miss her.

Exciting news: Miss Harvey in Year 3 is expecting a baby, due in the Summer. Congratulations to Miss Harvey — we are all thrilled for her and wish her a happy and healthy pregnancy!

I am also excited to announce that Miss Brezovska, who many of you will know as one of our lunchtime supervisors and Nook assistants, will be joining our team of Learning Support Assistants, working mostly in Year 1 and Year 3. Congratulations to Miss Brezovska, and a warm welcome as she takes on this new role within the school!

As you will be aware, Miss Dennis has spent this term settling into her SENCo role, in school for two days a week. After Easter, she will return to school four days a week in her new roles as Deputy Head and SENCo.

Hot Dinner Payments

We would like to remind parents that payment for school dinners should be made promptly via our SchoolMoney system. Some accounts show outstanding balances that need to be cleared.

Please note that if balances are not paid, we may have to refuse school dinners for children and ask that a packed lunch is provided from home until the account is settled.

If you need support or advice regarding payments, please contact the senior leadership team on slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Friday 24th April

We are having a non-uniform day to collect prizes for our Spring Fair rainbow raffle.

On this day, children are invited to wear their own clothes and bring a colourful donation instead of money.

Year group colours:

- EYFS - Pink
- Year1 - Purple
- Year2 - Blue
- Year3 - Green
- Year4 - Yellow
- Year5 - Orange
- Year6 - Red

Donation Ideas:



All donations and monies made go to the children of Donisthorpe Primary School



PTFA Spring Fair/Rainbow Raffle

Our PTFA Spring Fair will take place on the **school playground after school on Thursday 30th April**. There will be a variety of stalls and activities for children and families to enjoy, so please bring along some money to spend and have fun supporting our school.

To help support the event, we will hold **a Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day for children on Friday 24th April**. Please see information on the image.

We look forward to seeing you there! A huge thank you once again to our highly active PTFA. Their fundraising efforts have already made a real difference this year, supplementing a number of school trips and enriching the experiences we can offer our children.

Assemblies

This week, we were visited by Open the Book volunteers, who brought Bible stories to life through drama. The children really enjoyed engaging with the stories in a fun and interactive way.

In other recent assemblies, Key Stage 1 learned about Abena Christine Jon'el, a Ghanaian-American catwalk model with a prosthetic leg. Abena decorated her prosthetic with a traditional Ghanaian kente pattern and proudly walked the catwalk, celebrating both her disability and heritage.

In Key Stage 2, we explored different reactions at Leeds United games when players broke their fast as part of Ramadan, and considered why some reactions might occur. The discussion helped children reflect on cultural and religious differences and the importance of understanding and respect.



Parent Survey

We would be very grateful if you could spare 10 minutes to complete our parent survey about the school.

The results will be carefully considered by the senior leadership team and governors to help identify priorities and shape the future direction of the school over the coming years.

Your feedback is extremely valuable – thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. You can find the survey here: [Donisthorpe Primary School Parent Survey - March/April 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Reminder: Reach More Parents by Weduc

Thank you to all of our parents who have downloaded the Weduc app since we switched over to our new communication system. At the moment, families who have not yet set up the app are still receiving messages via email, so that no important information is missed.

A new enrolment email has recently been sent to parents who have not yet logged in. Please follow the instructions in this email to enter your enrolment code and complete the set-up process. **It is important that all parents have access to the app** as we continue to use it for school communications and begin to make use of some of the other helpful features within Reach More Parents.

If you experience any difficulties setting up the app, please contact the school office or email support@weduc.com

Happy Easter

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families and our wider community a happy Easter. I hope you have the opportunity to spend some valuable time together.

Thank you, as always, for all of your support this term. Our school is incredibly lucky to be part of such a wonderful community, and I really value the strong relationships we have with our parents and carers.

Regards,



Jamie Williamson
Headteacher

